

In the claims:

Claims 1-20 cancelled.

21. (currently amended) An auditory ossicle prosthesis for replacing or bridging at least one element in a human auditory ossicle chain, whereby the auditory ossicle prosthesis is composed of a material selected from the group consisting of an elastic material and a material having at least one articulated connection, the auditory ossicle prosthesis comprising a prosthesis element; means for frequency adjustment of sound transmission in a middle ear, said means for frequency adjustment including lever elements for changing lever conditions in the auditory ossicle chain, ~~and~~ wherein said prosthesis element has at least one ball joint connection, and wherein said means for frequency adjustment include the lever elements configured so that effective lengths or lever conditions are changeable depending on a predetermined frequency response.

22. (previously presented) An auditory ossicle prosthesis as defined in claim 39; and further comprising a first clip for attaching said prosthesis element to the anvil projection, a first rod arranged on said first clip and having an end configured as a ball, a U-shaped socket component in which

said ball is arranged and which gradually changes to a second rod that ends as an element selected from the group consisting of a piston and a further clip.

23. Claim 23 cancelled.

24. (previously presented) An auditory ossicle prosthesis as defined in claim 22, wherein an element selected from the group consisting of said first clip, said further clip, and both has two flexible tongs arranged in a shape selected from the group consisting of a V-shape and a U-shape.

25. (previously presented) An auditory ossicle prosthesis as defined in claim 22, wherein an element selected from the group consisting of said first clip, said further clip, and both is roughened at its point of contact selected from the group consisting of its point of contact with the end projection, its point of contact with the stapes, and both.

26. (previously presented) An auditory ossicle prosthesis as defined in claim 22, wherein an element selected from the group consisting of said first clip, said further clip, and both has a holding grip.

27. (currently amended) An auditory ossicle prosthesis as defined in claim 2439, wherein said prosthesis element at one end is directly connected by way of opening human cochlea by cochleotomy.

28. (previously presented) An auditory ossicle prosthesis as defined in claim 27; and further comprising a piston via which said one end of said prosthesis is directly connected.

29. (currently amended) An auditory ossicle prosthesis as defined in claim 2439, wherein the prosthesis or parts thereof are composed of a biocompatible synthetic material.

30. (previously presented) An auditory ossicle prosthesis as defined in claim 29, wherein the prosthesis or parts thereof are composed of materials selected from the group consisting of silicon and composite fiber materials.

31. (currently amended) An auditory ossicle prosthesis as defined in claim 2439, wherein the prosthesis or parts thereof are composed of a material selected from the group consisting of titanium, gold, tantalum, and an alloy thereof.

32. (currently amended) An auditory ossicle prosthesis as defined in claim 2439, wherein the prosthesis or parts thereof are composed of a material with memory effect.

33. (currently amended) An auditory ossicle prosthesis as defined in claim 2439, wherein said means for frequency adjustment includes a device for changing a point of attachment of said prosthesis element on an element selected from the group consisting of a hammer, the anvil projection, the stapes, and at the inner ear, in dependence on a predetermined frequency response.

34. Claim 34 cancelled.

35. (currently amended) An auditory ossicle prosthesis as defined in claim 2439; and further comprising at least one additional mass attached to one part of said prosthesis element or the auditory ossicle chain in dependence on a desired, predeterminable frequency response of a sound transmission in the middle ear.

36. (previously presented) An auditory ossicle prosthesis as defined in claim 35; and further comprising a second clip attaching said additional mass to a part of said prosthesis element or the auditory ossicle chain.

37. (currently amended) An auditory ossicle prosthesis as defined in claim 21~~39~~, wherein said prosthesis element is connected to an active vibration component of a hearing aid; and further comprising means for connecting said prosthesis element to the active vibration component of the hearing aid.

38. Claim 38 cancelled.

39. (currently amended) ~~An auditory ossicle prosthesis as defined in claim 21~~An auditory ossicle prosthesis for replacing or bridging at least one element in a human auditory ossicle chain, whereby the auditory ossicle prosthesis is composed of a material selected from the group consisting of an elastic material and a material having at least one articulated connection, the auditory ossicle prosthesis comprising a prosthesis element; means for frequency adjustment of sound transmission in a middle ear, said means for frequency adjustment including lever elements for changing lever conditions in the auditory ossicle chain, wherein said prosthesis element has at least one ball joint connection, wherein said means for frequency adjustment include the lever elements for changing lever conditions in the auditory ossicle chain, whose effective length or lever conditions are changeable in dependence on a predetermined frequency response, wherein said prosthesis element on one side is attachable to an anvil projection and on the other side is attachable to stapes,

or is directly inserted into an inner ear, said prosthesis element being configured so that from its connection to the anvil projection it largely copies a course of the natural anvil projection to its end or beyond it and in an area of a natural end of the anvil projection runs at an angle to another end point of the prosthesis element on the stapes or on/in the inner ear, said lever elements including a lever section that extends the natural end of the anvil projection.

40. (new) An auditory ossicle prosthesis for replacing or bridging at least one element in a human auditory ossicle chain, whereby the auditory ossicle prosthesis is composed of a material selected from the group consisting of an elastic material and a material having at least one articulated connection, the auditory ossicle prosthesis comprising a prosthesis element; means for frequency adjustment of sound transmission in a middle ear, said means for frequency adjustment including lever elements for changing lever conditions in the auditory ossicle chain, wherein said means for frequency adjustment include the lever elements for changing lever conditions in the auditory ossicle chain, whose effective length or lever conditions are changeable in dependence on a predetermined frequency response, wherein said prosthesis element on one side is attachable to an anvil projection and on the other side is attachable to stapes, or is directly inserted into an inner ear, said prosthesis element being configured so that from its connection to the anvil projection it largely copies a course of the natural anvil projection to its end or beyond it and in an area of a natural end of

the anvil projection runs at an angle to another end point of the prosthesis element on the stapes or on/in the inner ear, said lever elements including a lever section that extends the natural end of the anvil projection.

41. (new) An auditory ossicle prosthesis for replacing or bridging at least one element in a human auditory ossicle chain, whereby the auditory ossicle prosthesis is composed of a material selected from the group consisting of an elastic material and a material having at least one articulated connection, the auditory ossicle prosthesis comprising a prosthesis element; means for frequency adjustment of sound transmission in a middle ear, said means for frequency adjustment including lever elements for changing lever conditions in the auditory ossicle chain, and wherein said means for frequency adjustment include the lever elements configured so that effective lengths or lever conditions are changeable depending on a predetermined frequency response.